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President's Message

Summer is almost over. Marion and I vacationed at the Olympics and in Europe. We left Saturday, Aug 4 for 3 weeks in Europe with a return on August 28. I did not expect to find any additions to my collections in Europe but you can always hope. I will advise in a future message if I had any success.

I have forwarded the annual minutes and financial statements to our editor Judy and they are published in this bulletin. Also published in this bulletin is an article by Neil Probert concerning woods issued by the 2012 youth committee. One complete set and three partial sets of 7 were auctioned at the convention.

If anyone wishes to contact me on any issue you can reach me by mail at, Box 2643, Station M, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3C1., by phone at 403-273-6133 or by e-mail at woods5cents@shaw.ca.

Good collecting to everyone!

Al Munro

Rosie MacLennan wins Canada's only **Gold Medal** at 2012 Olympics (London), shortly after the U of T Graduate won gold in trampoline at the Pam Am Games.



The Woods of Matthew Sztym by John Regitko, CAWMC Mbr#265



Matthew Sztym handed out a few of these wooden nickels at the 2008 CNA Convention in Ottawa. He stated: "Never take a real nickel glued to a wooden nickel. In the end, it is still a wooden nickel. Good for 100 cents, GST included. Antiques is spelled wrong, though no one cares! They got a free nickel."

The Cents of Humor issue was made by a

Texas wooden money manufacturer. **Matthew** won 100 pieces in one of their promotional contests.

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 Collectors are:**

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Another Hot Woods Deal!

David ("Rusty") has another hot deal. In this lot is 83 New Brunswick woods (81 rounds and 2 flats) for \$53.95 (i.e. @65 cents each) plus actual postage. The first person to contact David gets the deal! His e-mail is rustynbetty@telus.net.

In October will be Nova Scotia woods, and then back to Ontario for November woods.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS

TREASURERS REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

(WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010)

	2010	2011
RECEIPTS		
Members dues	\$695.00	\$800.00
Donation Auction	\$55.00	\$59.50
Donations - Decorated woods	\$55.00	\$100.00
Donations - Other	\$82.50	\$95.00
Interest	\$31.25	\$49.69
U. S. Exchange	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$918.75	1,104.19
EXPENDITURES		
Timber Talk - Postage	\$404.12	\$373.51
Timber Talk - Printing	\$301.22	\$360.96
Secretary Treasurer	\$236.77	\$238.20
Membership R.C.N.A	\$35.00	\$35.00
TOTAL	\$977.11	\$1,007.67
NET RECEIPTS (EXPENDITURES)	-\$58.36	\$96.52
MEMBERS EQUITY, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$6,868.07	\$6,809.71
MEMBERS EQUITY, END OF YEAR	\$6,809.71	\$6,906.23
REPRESENTED BY		
Cash on hand and in bank	\$7,314.71	\$7,426.23
Less: Prepaid Memberships	\$505.00	\$520.00
TOTAL	\$6,809.71	\$6,906.23



Past Presidents:

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Munro Convention Wood

Free Wood of the Month of September 2012 reported by **Ross Kingdon**

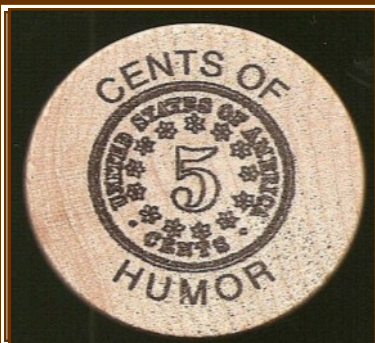


The free wood for Sept. is the wood issued by **Al** and **Marion Munro** for the RCNA convention in Calgary. There were 500 woods made by **Norm Belsten** and 100 were donated to CAWMC for distribution to our membership. **Norm** has listed this wood under Alberta as number 8140 - 398.



These woods were being passed out freely by **Al** and **Marion** at the RCNA convention in Calgary. As well every RCNA Registration Kit had one in it. They were also distributed to everyone who attended the Saturday night banquet.

The wood is 38 mm in diameter and is gold in colour both sides.



Continued from page 1... A U.S. 5-cent coin design is printed on one side by the manufacturer, as illustrated at right. However, the true issue has a 2008 Canadian 5-cent super-glued over the early U.S. 5-cent coin design by **Matthew**, to commemorate the Royal Canadian Mint's 100th anniversary.

Matthew's first issue was just for advertising when he first started selling at flea markets. "It was an easy way for people to remember me," he told me.

At age 14, **Matthew** purchased a pop machine that he set up in a shop. Next, he purchased a candy bar machine that he set up beside the pop machine. Combined, these machines were generating an income of around \$5000 a year, a pretty amazing amount of money for a 14 year old. He set up at flea markets, antique shows and coin shows. By the age of 17, he renamed his business Rocky Mountain Coin & Antiques. When he was 19, he was offered jobs in the Alberta Legislature, putting his ambition to be a full-time antique dealer on hold.

His first issue from 2004 contains contact information when he was located in Red Deer, Alberta, where he was born in 1989, while the other one contains current contact information.



Matthew Sztym previous business card was issued in 2004, with a mintage of 500 pieces.



Matthew Sztym's latest wooden business card, of which a quantity of 500 were also produced.



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

CALGARY, ALBERTA. JULY 21, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 8:35 A.M. by President **Al Munro**
- **Al** advised the meeting that he has asked **Neil Probert** to act as Secretary
- Asked everyone to sign attendance sheet. There were 25 members and guests present including Founding Member **Garry Braunwarth** and Charter Members **Norm Belsten** and **Les Copan**.
- **Al** called everyone to take their seats for breakfast and asked **Dave Gillespie** to say Grace
- **Al** called for a moment of silence for any members, including **Bruce Raszmann** and **Bob Lenz** who passed away since last meeting.
- **Al** called the business portion of the meeting to order. He asked **Gayle Menard** to run a fifty-fifty draw.
- **Al** presented the President's report. He advised of a slight decline in membership, and only a couple of new members joined during the year and one old member rejoined.
- **Al** announced that **Judy Blackman** received the RCNA Best Regional / National Newsletter Editor of the Year Award and **Timber Talk** received the RCNA Best Regional / National Newsletter of the Year Award. **Al** will send congratulations to **Judy**.
- **Al** switched hats and presented the Treasurer's Report. He advised the association made approximately \$100 this last year. The Treasurer's report will be published in **Timber Talk**. **Al** moved acceptance of the report. The motion was seconded by **Garry Braunwarth** and was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Al** reminded everyone to keep thinking of articles for **Timber Talk**. **Judy** is doing a great job as Editor but can always use additional articles. **Bill Waychison** advised **Judy** that the key that cinched **Timber Talk** receiving the award, was the number of articles submitted by several members, as looking for club engagement and high participation by members is a key judging criteria, so let's keep up the good work. If you don't have a computer, mail your article, pictures and / or wood to **Judy** and she will scan and enter the info for you.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Al** advised that the Dedicated Wooden Money Collectors had donated \$500 to CAWMC and had advised an acceptable use would be a subsidy of breakfast costs.
- **Al** advised he has received complaints that some wood members are being overly aggressive in requesting woods. He advised everyone to refrain from being aggressive when requesting woods.
- **Dave Gillespie** announced that on behalf of the fundraising committee he has made a special wood for the convention.
- **Norm Belsten** advised he is working on a colour catalogue and hopes to be finished within a year.
- **Al** announced that the 2013 Winnipeg committee had a wood made for the 2013 convention but they had an error date. The committee gave everyone at the meeting one of the error woods.
- **Gayle Menard** advised that a guest, **Pat Holowatiuk**, was the winner of \$50 in the fifty-fifty draw. **Pat** and her husband **Bill** used a portion of her winnings to become members of CAWMC. Welcome to our association!
- An auction was held and \$126 was raised for CAWMC.
- **Al** Adjourned the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

July 25, 2012 e-mail from **William Waychison**, RCNA President

CAWMC received the Award for the Best Regional / National Newsletter for 2011. As editor of *Timber Talk* **Judy Blackman** received the Editor's award for Best Regional / National newsletter. During my presentation of the award to **Al Munro**, President of CAWMC, I noted that **Judy** had previously indicated within *Timber Talk* that the newsletter is the work of a Village of People who have contributed in various ways. They have contributed through their articles, writings, proofing, etc. It is the work of many persons; and it is that cooperative work that placed *Timber Talk* first. This is the case with all award-winning newsletters. It is also the other aspect that can make newsletters a uniting force within a club.



Best,
BillW

CNS / RCNA YOUTH WOODS by Neil Probert

For the 2012 Annual Convention of the **Royal Canadian Numismatic Association**, the **Calgary Numismatic Society** has created eight woods to be presented to young collectors. To receive these woods the young collector must meet the following criteria for receiving the woods. They do not have to be a convention registrant (except for #1) or a member of the **CNS** or the **RCNA** to receive a wood. They must be under 18 years of age and they can only receive one of each wood per person. The woods and criteria are:

1. Convention Registrant – they must register for the Convention.
2. Youth Education Presentation – they must attend either one of the Youth Educational Presentations on Thursday or Friday during the Convention.
3. Convention Volunteer – they must volunteer to assist during the convention, either setting up the bourse on Friday morning, manning the youth table during regular Convention hours, or helping clean up on Sunday evening after the bourse closes.
4. Opening Ceremonies – they must be in attendance during the opening ceremonies on Friday morning.
5. Heritage Park Tour – they must take part in the Youth Tour to Heritage Park and attend the lecture at the Hudson's Bay Fort on Friday morning.
6. Coin Kids Forum & Auction – they must attend the Coin Kids Forum and Junior Auction on Saturday afternoon.
7. Convention Exhibitor – they must prepare a numismatic exhibit, either competitive or non-competitive for the Convention.
8. Coin Club Member – they must be a member of a coin club, either the RCNA or their local coin club. These would be handed out at the various youth meetings during the Convention.



1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizen would ask, "Who was that masked man?" and invariably somebody would answer "I don't know, but he left this behind!" What did he leave behind?
2. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on what television show?
3. What is the end of this sentence? "Get you kicks on _____"
4. "The story you are about to see is true, the name have been changed to _____"
5. "In the jungle, the might jungle, the _____"
6. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watuski, we danced under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called what?
7. Nestle's make the very best _____
8. Satchmo was America's 'Ambassador of Goodwill'. Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____
9. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking?
10. Red Skeleton's hobo character was named _____ and Red always ended his television show by saying, "Good Night, and _____"
11. What did some Americans burn in protest of the Viet Nam war?
12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by _____ and _____
13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, the day the music died. This was a tribute to what?
14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit by the Russians. It was called?
15. One of the big fads of 1955-1965 decade was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called?
16. What does LS / MFT stand for?
17. Hey Kids, what time is it?
18. Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men?

**[Are you Smarter than a 60 yr old—submitted by Edith Lenz]
Answers can be found on page 9....**

A Fine Return! by Les Copan

August 13, 2012 e-mail from **Les Copan** (pictured here receiving RCNA Fellow Award from **Tim Henderson** in 2005, picture courtesy of RCNA).

In the May 2012 issue of Timber Talk you asked for information on several items. **As I am still alive** I can bring you up to date on the life of Robert James Henry. I wrote this right after receiving the May issue, put in the computer and promptly forgot it. It may not be of any use to you now but here it is anyway

Re: **Robert James Henry / Leslie D. Copan** token

As stated on the token **Robert** was born in 1972 which was prior to the formation of CAWMC. And as there was no manufacturer of woods in Canada I had 1000 of the tokens made by a U.S.A. manufacturer in Texas. After distributing to all my relatives, friends, I still had quite a surplus. I wrote a short article on the tokens offering two for 25¢ (postage was much cheaper then) and sent it to CCN and one of the American papers. It was amazing how many responses I received. Then getting on with the rest of my life which included retirement in 1988, all or part of twenty winters in Mexico, a triple by-pass-staph infection-pneumonia, now my loss of **Ivy** and a move to an Assisted Living Complex. That's the **LDC** side of the token. Incidentally, I was never asked to redeem a token.



Now for the other side of the token. **Robert** was born in Quesnel, BC, his father was U.S. citizen and worked for several years in Oregon, then on to Stanford University where he earned an MBA and a Master in Engineering.

Following that he worked several years in the U.S. then returned to Canada and worked a number of years in construction in northern Alberta. He is now COO of *National Process Equipment (NATPRO)*, a company based in Calgary. He now lives comfortably in Cochrane, Alberta with wife and two of my great-grandchildren.



A FINE RETURN ON A WOODEN TOKEN, EH!!!

Les Copan, Still Alive and Forever Part of Canadian History!



After receiving **Les's** email, your Editor decided to see what could she learn about this fascinating person. This story is compiled from these references: Numismatic Bibliomania Society, Royal Canadian Numismatic Association, local Vancouver newspapers, Kelowna Public Archives, University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections – Leslie D. Copan fonds, International & Warehouse Union Canada, and Fraser University.

Les has been the RCNA Area Director for British Columbia and Yukon, and was 1971 CNA Convention Chairman. He has been a member of the Alberni Valley Coin Club, Past President of the Vancouver Numismatic Society (1960-1961), and he was awarded RCNA Fellow in 2005, and I am sure has held numerous other roles and functions in the numismatic hobby. **Leslie** is forever cemented in our history!

Leslie D. Copan was born 1926 in Victoria (B.C.) and moved to the mainland in 1935. In 1942, at nearly 16 years of age, he enlisted in the Canadian Navy. Returning safely from World War II, **Copan** worked at a variety of labour jobs, before being employed as a man by the British Columbia Maritime Employers Association (BCMEA) in 1953. He worked primarily for three companies that operated under the umbrella of the BCMEA, including Canadian Stevedoring, Empire Shipping Company, and Western Stevedoring Company Limited. Employment on the waterfront meant being versatile, and **Copan** was trained in many different positions. These included lift-truck operator, winch operator, hatch tender, checker, bulldozer operator, front-end loader operator, wheat machine operator, dock gantry crane operator, switchman, locomotive engineer, straddle carrier, and linesman. In 1965 **Copan** became active in the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, and was elected President of Local 501 the next year. He also served on the executive of the Canadian Area section of the same union, serving as Vice-President and in 1979, as President. **Leslie Copan** retired in 1988 at age 62. The University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections – **Leslie D. Copan** fonds consists of exercise books, cash books, journals, account books, record books and notebooks, all of which were used for essentially the same purpose. These books detailed **Copan's** daily activities (including shifts, positions and remuneration), in addition to which company he was working for. Two series have been created to reflect this information, and include time books and work record books.

(left to right) **Dick Becker, Les Copan** and **Bernhard Wilde** at the Canadian Paper Money Society Luncheon Friday July 21st, 2006 (picture courtesy of RCNA)



In 1965 Canada Labour Standards Code became enacted, regulating hours of work, vacations, statutory holidays and other working conditions under federal jurisdiction. The regulations called for 8 paid general holidays per year. The longshoring industry found the provision of holidays impracticable to their business needs and chose to ignore the law. On Good Friday 1966 the employers ordered the men to work, which was countered by a work refusal of the employees, and no work got done that day. Next was Victoria Day (May 1966) when the General Manager of the Employers' Association (**Ed Strang**) asked the International Longshore & Warehouse Union to assure the employees would report for work on May 23rd, to which the union refused resulting in the employers applying for a Supreme Court injunction. The employers were successful, the court contravened the new labour code, as the court required that 16 union officers sign a notice of compliance with the injunction which forbid any work stoppage or picketing on Victoria Day. The union officers refused to obey the direction to sign as it

would mean they too would be in contravention of the new code, and no work was performed on Victoria Day. The employers cited **Roy Smith**, Canadian Area President and nine local Presidents (**Les Copan, Don Garcia, Laing Mackie, Stan Ball, Ed Pilfold, William Foster, Bill Laurillard, Dave Mason** and **Vince Shannon**) for contempt of court by disobeying the injunction. **Roy** was fine \$500 and each of the other nine \$400 (a lot of money in the 1960s) with the alternative of three months in prison which was elected by all 10 rather than pay the fines. So on June 17th off to jail they went, to send the message that employers would not be able to empty the union coffers by way of fines. The current union contract expired July 31st but the union negotiators would be jailed until September 17, therefore the employers' action put the union in position to strike. The possibility of disruption of grain shipments affecting the Canada's national economy brought the matter to the attention of the federal *Department of Labour*. Labour Minister **Nicholson** announced the provision of the new labour code applied to the longshoremen (including the 8 paid holidays) and the legislation would be amended if necessary to make that clear. The B.C. Federation of Labour then took initiative to pay the fines and release the 10 imprisoned presidents after only 3 weeks had been served. From here the *B.C. Federation of Labour* and the *Canadian Labour Congress* fought to curb employers using the courts as a weapon in collective bargaining, resulting in only a few years later the *NDP* government taking the power to issue labour injunctions out of the courts' hand and into those of the Labours Relations Board. This was quite a historic moment in the Canadian labour movement, the 1960s was fraught with

hard-nosed employers seeking injunctions to halt negotiations. The 10 presidents became West Coast stalwarts and proceeded with earned respect to get a good contract that year. The *ILWU* ranks were unified like never seen before due to this one event. In this picture is standing left to right: **Les Copan**, **Laing Mackie**, **Roy Smith**, **William Foster**, **Vince Shannon**; front row left to right is **Ed Pilfold**, **Bill Laurillard**, **Don Garcia**, **Stan Ball** and **Dave Mason**. Delegates to the 29th *ILWU* Canada Convention resolved to add **Craig Pritchett's** name as International Representative as the officer left on the outside to secure the release of the 10 presidents, with the participation of rank and file.

Now August 2012, **Leslie D. Copan** (age 86) is the last survivor of this group of 10 presidents.

A father's worse nightmare occurred in Vancouver on June 6, 2003 when **Les** had to let his second son **Michael David Copan** (age 50) go after a courageous battle with cancer. **Michael** was predeceased by his mother **Betty** and brother **Steve**. Like **Les**, **Michael** was a *ILWU* Brother, a man of few words, strong ideals, an insatiable appetite for fairness and equality consistently generous and caring. **Les** helped his beloved wife **Ivy**, daughters **Lea** and her husband **Theodore**, and **Gail** and her husband **Rollie** hold the family strong during this very difficult time.



Standing (l-r) Les Copan, Laing Mackie, Roy Smith, William Foster, Vince Shannon. Front row (l-r) Ed Pilfold, Bill Laurillard, Don Garcia, Stan Ball, Dave Mason.



Les Copan

In 2004, *ILWU* Canada and the Fraser University's Centre for Labour Studies worked together to develop an oral history of the union in Canada. *ILWU's* Brother **Les Copan** then 78, who was first registered with the deep sea Local 501 in December 1953, initiated discussions about an oral history with Secretary-Treasurer **Ken Bauder** in June. **Bauder** contacted **Mark Leier** of *SFU*, who expressed support for the idea and provided some funding for students to interview **Copan** and other *ILWU* members in the *Retired Pensioners Club*. **Leier** urged the union to interview and tape older and retired members to supplement the work that the students accomplished. The end result was an oral (spoken) history which could be illustrated in a video, which would provide a very dynamic and different history of the union.

In 1964, the **Copan** family faced another challenge. **Les**, his wife and 4 kids (**Lea** 12, **Mike** 11, **Steve** 10, and **Gail** 8 – 2 girls and 2 boys) were camping on the shore of Canim Lake in the B.C. Interior. They were celebrating **Les's** 38th birthday. After he received his presents, and the kids were tucked away in the tent, **Les** and his wife were tightening up the camp to turn in for the night. Without warning four hoodlums from a nearby construction camp appeared and threatened the **Copan** family and other family campers in the area. A hoodlum tossed a rock hitting **Mrs. Copan**. **Les** and another camper indicated that was enough suggesting to the hoodlums that they move on. This seemed to only encourage the thugs to become more agitated and aggressive, and they began mocking **Les**.

Because of the recent reports of hoodlums bothering campers, **Les** had come prepared. He ran to his car retrieving his .303 rifle from the trunk. He aimed high and above where the four boys were and fired and this only made them laugh and mocked harder. They actually told **Les** "Mister, kill us, go ahead, we dare you". **Les** fired a second shot resulting in the thugs disappearing. The family huddled in their tent and prayed for peace. The night was not over! The thugs drove to a pay phone calling the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police* at nearby 100 Mile House (a town on Cariboo Highway) reporting that a camper (**Copan**) had shot one of them. **Copan's** second bullet's fragment hit 19 year-old **Jack Henderson** in the jaw resulting in a slight wound. The cupro-nickel casing shattered when it hit a tree. By 5 a.m. Corporal **Purdy** arrested **Les** taking him to the station 26 miles away, leaving his wife and children frightened at the campsite. Charged with 'assault causing bodily harm', **Les** was in the holding cell until 10 a.m. the next morning when his bail hearing was held. As it turned out, the hoodlums were also charged, and they pleaded guilty to creating a disturbance, paying a \$200 fine and walking away. They were not charged with assault for hitting **Les's** wife with a rock. The **Copan** family posted the \$500 cash bail and headed home to Burnaby (B.C.) as any chance of a fun-filled holiday and birthday celebration was now destroyed. **Copan** was such a respected citizen in their town, the family was very concerned for this black mark on his record. At the trial hearing, the judge reduced the charge resulting in a common assault conviction and a \$50 fine. It could have been over, but **Copan**

wanted his record cleared of the conviction, he'd kept his nose clean 38 years – after all he shot a warning shot above the teens, it was accidental the fragment bounced off the tree and hit one of them, there was no intent to harm. In March 1965 the *Appeal Court* acquitted **Leslie D. Copan** and his record was wiped clean. The court recognized **Les** was defending his family and his wife had already been assaulted by the thugs before the rifle was retrieved.

Once again **Les** proved to be a person who stands up for his rights and those of others, and who will protect the welfare of those he cares about, whether it be the union brotherhood, his family or his community. **Les**, you look like a hero in my eyes! So happy to have had a glimpse into your remarkable life!

(left to right) **Les Copan**, **James Williston** (picture is courtesy of the RCNA)



POLICE RUIN INNOCENT MAN

by ALVIN JARVIS

... For Trying To Protect His Wife, Kids

he convicted Copan on a lesser charge of common assault and fined him only \$50. But, for Copan, his fight was just beginning. He was determined to appeal the conviction and clear the criminal mark from his personal record. Though unexpected help came from a Vancouver law firm, which donated its services to help Copan's appeal – Copan's next months were hell!

Though he was able to work on and off to care for his family – whatever money was left over melted away in long distance calls, interest on the bank loan and travel expenses, etc.

"It would've been easy at this stage to just say 'okay, I'll forget the appeal,' and try to get back on my feet," says Copan.

"But my nose had been clean for 38 years and a criminal record could hurt me in many ways for years to come. I was determined to get it off the books."

He did. On March 25, '65, an end came to Copan's struggle. The *Appeal Court* judges ruled that Les Copan be acquitted of common assault.

Says the man whose record was wiped clean:

"The judges recognized that my family was being assaulted and that I shot in self defense.

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MIDNIGHT — Page 15
May 24, 1965

Les Copan, of Burnaby, B.C., took this advice on the night of July 22, — and what did it get him?

Trouble, with a capital T! For the next eight months Copan's life became a nightmare.

A nightmare that saw him thrown into jail and financially bankrupt.

All because Copan tried to protect his wife and four children — Les, 12, Mike, 11, Steve, 10, and Gail, 8.

That was the night the Copan clan pitched tent on the shore of Cootes Lake at a complete in the B.C. Interior, to begin a fun-holiday trip.

The family was in a great mood. It was Les Copan's 38th birthday.

After he received his presents, and the kids were tucked away in the tent, Les and his wife sat about last-minute chores.

Suddenly, without warning, four hoodlums from a nearby construction camp appeared on the road above the camping grounds.

For no reason, they began shouting nasty threats at Copan, and other family campers in the area.

When their obscene yells were ignored by the respectable citizens, who wanted to avoid trouble, the youths began throwing rocks and huge chunks of wood down onto the tent tops.

This couldn't be ignored after a rock hit Mrs. Copan and scared the children from the tent.

Copan and a second camper shouted to the boys to take off. More rocks and debris came as their reply.

The more Copan shouted he'd had enough, the more the troublemakers laughed at him.

"I was worried for our safety," Copan said. "I ran to the trunk of my car and got my .380 rifle!"

Seeing his wife and kids hiding in the tent and listening to the language of the intruders above them proved too much for Les.

"I aimed the rifle high, above where the boys stood laughing, and fired!" recalls Copan.

But the hoodlums only laughed louder. "Go ahead and shoot again, Mister — kill us, go ahead. We dare you!" shouted one young thug.

Copan fired a second shot! There was silence from above the road. The toughs disappeared.

Believing they had been driven away, Copan huddled his family back into the tent and then retired himself, praying that the rest of the camping trip would be happier.

But the toughs wanted more trouble. Driving to a phone booth, they phoned the Royal Mounted Police at nearby 130 Mile House, a town on the Cariboo highway, to report that one of them had been shot by camper Copan.

Jack Henderson, 19, had been hit — by Copan's second bullet, which had a copper-nickel casing and had shattered when it hit a tree making a fragment strike Henderson in the jaw.

But the wound turned out to be slight, though the RCMP didn't know it at the time of the call.

"At about 5 a.m. I was awakened by Corporal Parry of the 190 Mile House RCMP detachment," says Copan.

"After I dressed, I was led away, under arrest like a common criminal.

"I'll never forget the look of fright in my wife's eyes or how my kids stared at me!" says Les.

Though the RCMP were courteous and apologetic, they drove Copan to their station 25 miles away and booked him into a cell, charged with assault causing bodily harm.

"I stayed in that cell till 10 the next morning," he recalls. "I couldn't believe it was happening!"

In court, the hoodlums pleaded guilty to charges of creating a disturbance and were fined \$300 each, and walked away.

But bail for Copan was set at \$500 cash that morning!

"To a longshoreman like myself that was a tremendous sum!" says Copan.

He had to call his parents in Vancouver to arrange an emergency bank loan. The bail money was wired to the court at 4 p.m. that day and Les was released.

"But our holiday was ruined," tells Mrs. Copan. "We packed, left the campsite, then drove to Kamloops, a nearby town, to hire a lawyer."

"Worried sick, we headed home to Burnaby. My husband was so concerned about the black mark on his record. He's such a respected citizen in our town!"

During the next few months, Copan drove hundreds of miles — back and forth, from Burnaby to Kamloops — to confer with his lawyer.

By the time of his trial, Sept. 4, before Magistrate Donald MacDonald at the 190 Mile House Courthouse, travel and lodging expenses had left Copan flat broke!

When he learned the Sept. 4th trial was postponed till Sept. 9 — the distraught man drove back to Burnaby wondering where he'd get the cash to return to the courthouse.

When news of his plight received publicity in local papers, anonymous sympathizers donated \$136.

At the Sept. 9 trial, the judge indicated sympathy, too, when

The incident took place while on camping trip with wife and four kids

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1. Silver bullet
2. The Ed Sullivan Show
3. Route 66
4. To Protect the Innocent
5. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
6. The Limbo
7. Chocolate
8. Louis Armstrong the Great Satchmo
9. Timex watch
10. Freddy, the Freeloader and 'Good Night and God Bless'
11. Draft cards and bras (not flags as some have guessed)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. Sputnik
15. Hoola-hoop (hula hoop also okay)
16. Lucky Strike / Means Fine Tobacco
17. Howdy Doody Time
18. Shadow



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James Williston signed the woods that were in the kits in 5 different colours as shown 8140-404A, B, C, & D. but you only got one in your kit so I am only listing one 8140-404r and saying issued with different colour signatures.

**There are 4 more pages of Convention woods, that will be featured in upcoming issues Timber Talk is-
 sues. If we put them all in this issue, there would be
 no room for the other submissions.**

A Chuckle submitted by Peter Becker

I was visiting my daughter and son-in-law last night, and asked if I might borrow a newspaper for a second. "This is the 21st century, old man," my son-in-law said. We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, you can use my iPod."

I can tell you, that friggin' fly never knew what hit it!

